PORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Necessary repairs to Bridge across river Muniyeru at Kasara on National Highway 9 have been carried out and bridge opened to restricted vehicular traffic in the first week of June, 1985.

Share of education in the Central Budget

1416. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the share of education in the Centre's total budgetary expenditure (in rupees as well as in percentage), year-wise from 1983-84 to 1986-87;

(b) whether Government propose to increase this share; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Budgeted expenditure on education by the Education Department of the Govt. of India for the years 1983-84 to 1986-87 with percentage to total Central budget is given as under:

Year	Budgeted expenditure on education (Rs. in crores)	Percentage to total budget
1983-84 (Revised Estimate)	352·73	1·5
1984-85 (Revised Estimate)	445·32	1·6
1985-86 (Budget Estimate)	509·78	1·5
1986-87 (Budget Estimate)	659·00	1·4

(b) and (c) Provision of funds for various sectors, including education sector is made depending upon the total availability of funds and priority accorded to each sector of development.

Recruitment of additional Railway staff

1417. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of additional railway staff recruited, Zone-wise, including officers and others, separately, during the period 1980 to 1985; and

(b) the total number of vacant posts, Zone-wse, as at the end of March, 1986?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Amendment of Copyright Act

1418. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in a Seminar on 'Asian Authors and Copyright Law' held in Delhi in January, 1986, it was recommended that the Copyright Act be suitably amended to prevent piracy of the works of creative artists such as authors, music composers, sculptors, artisans, craftmen, etc. in order to safeguard their interests;

(b) whether Government propose to bring a legislation for amending the Copyright Act;

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Copyright infringement is an offence as per the provisions of the Copyright Act, 1957. The Act has already been amended by the Copyright (Amendment) Act, 1984 to provide for enhanced and stringent punishment for copyright infringement so as to have a deterrent effect. The amended Act makes copyright infringement a cognizable offence.

Abuse of Office by Deputy Commissioner (Personnel) of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

1419. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state what are the specific complaints of abuse of office which recently been reecived by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan against their Deputy Commissioner (Personnel)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): The following four allegations were made against the Deputy Commissioner (Personnel) of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan:—

(a) Admission of ineligible wards of his relatives;

(b) Favouritism in appointment of near relatives;

(c) Sale of 'Escape from Transfers'; and

(d) Usurption of his colleague's designation.

These allegations have been looked into by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and found to be unsubstantiated.

Payment of dues to financial institutions by the Indian Shipping Companies

1420. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Shipping Companies have been allowed to reschedule payment of their dues to financial institutions;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether any other special concesions have been offered to the Indian shipping companies to increase their Cargo traffic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Government have granted rescheduleement of instalments and interst for defaults of shipping companies upto March, 1983, as detailed in the annexure. (See Appendix cxxxix, Annexure No. 84.)

(c) The following assistance has been extended to Indian shipping with regard to cargo traffic:—

(i) With a view to ensuring greater share of cargo for Indian vessels India has entered into bilateral shipping Agreements which provide for parity in cargo liftings and freight earnings;

(ii) There are standing instructions to Public Sector Undertakings/Government Departments to negotiate as far as possible, C and F exports and FOB imports. These are designed to maximise cargo availability to Indian Lines.

(iii) Share of Indian Shipping Lines in the carriage of Iron Ore exported by MMTC has been brought up through successful negotiations;

(iv) The use of foreign flag vessels in the oil trade has been brought down by aranging acquisition of suitable takers for Indian shipping companies.

(v) with a view to encourage use of Indian vessels it has been decided that:

(a) the freight paid shall not be debited to the fact value of import licence if the ocean freight is paid in non-convertible rupees in India and the goods are carried on Indian vessels and

(b) the exporters will be given replenishment licence on exports in question at the rate of 11 per cent if the